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Public Information Meeting DES and DHHS to Discuss Findings of Health Consultation and Cancer Incidence for the Town of Bethlehem

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Environmental Health Program and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services will host a public information meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the Bethlehem Town Hall. DES staff will present the findings of the Health Consultation for the North Country Environmental Services landfill. Some residents have been concerned about potential health effects from the landfill. DHHS staff will present the findings of their report on cancer incidence in the Town of Bethlehem. A question and answer sessions will follow the agency presentations.

DES' Environmental Health Program is a non-regulatory section of DES, which reviews environmental and health data and makes recommendations to protect public health. Within DHHS, the Division of Public Health Services has the overall responsibility for the New Hampshire State Cancer Registry.

These two documents can be accessed at

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/pehb/ehs/ehp/index.htm. Contact Dennis Pinski at (603) 271-6909 or dennis.pinski@des.nh.gov to request a copy of the Health Consultation. For the Cancer Incidence Report contact Sai Cherala at (603) 271-7812 or Sai.S.Cherala@dhhs.state.nh.us.